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### **Circle Group and Dario Perioli Group: progress is being made on digital logistics corridors between Italy and Tunisia through the IFSTL project**

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**CIRCLE Group** (“CIRCLE” or the “Company”) - an Innovative SME listed on **Euronext Growth Milan**, heading the homonymous Group specialized in process analysis and the development of solutions for the innovation and digitalization of the port and intermodal logistics sectors, as well as in international consultancy on Green Deal and energy transition topics – and the **Dario Perioli Group**, an international logistics and shipping operator, are continuing to develop the **IFSTL – International Fast & Secure Trade Lanes** project, an initiative aimed at strengthening and improving the efficiency of logistics corridors between Italy and North Africa, with a particular focus on the link between Italy and Tunisia.

The **IFSTL Italy–Tunisia** project was launched with the aim of evolving international logistics flows through an approach based on digitalisation and interoperability, promoting more efficient, secure and sustainable supply chain management. Key features of the initiative include the adoption of an interoperable digital platform, the advance sharing of data and documents throughout the supply chain, integration between logistics operators, terminals and relevant authorities, as well as real-time monitoring of goods using IoT technologies.

The initiative involves a wide range of stakeholders, including Italian and Tunisian ports – notably **Sfax** and **Sousse** – customs authorities, terminal operators, shipping companies and freight forwarders, including the Dario Perioli Group, which currently offers the only regular fortnightly service between Marina di Carrara and Sousse dedicated to containerised, roll-on/roll-off and bulk cargo. This establishes a concrete model of international collaboration, aimed at simplifying logistics processes and improving operational efficiency along the Euro-Mediterranean corridors.

IFSTL has already completed an initial feasibility study, which included mapping the institutional and operational stakeholders involved, analysing import/export flows and the main product categories, as well as initiating discussions with the relevant authorities, including the Customs and Monopolies Agency and the Port System Authority of the Eastern Ligurian Sea.

Currently, the project is focused on developing a data-driven digital pilot scheme, initially



geared towards document interoperability and the advance exchange of manifests. Future developments will involve extending the scheme to include physical checks on cargo flows and the adoption of advanced technologies, such as the Internet of Things (IoT) and electronic seals, with the aim of creating a scalable model that can be replicated across other international corridors.

Progress on the project was recently shared at “A Bridge to Africa”, an international event dedicated to the development of economic and logistical relations between Europe and Africa, held in La Spezia and Marina di Carrara from 8 April to 10 April, confirming the strategic importance of the initiative in strengthening links between the two shores of the Mediterranean.

**Bruno Pisano, President of the Eastern Ligurian Sea Port Authority**, said: *“The Port System Authority stands out, on the one hand, for its investments in digitalization and intermodality and, on the other, for an approach based on listening to the operational needs of stakeholders and building synergies between public and private actors. This approach has been concretely implemented in the IFSTL project, developed within the framework of the European FENIX project, aimed at simplifying and digitalizing document exchange between the ports of La Spezia and Casablanca. A successful experience that has improved the efficiency of logistics and customs procedures and is now being replicated with other North African countries, as is being done by Dario Perioli Group through the Port of Marina di Carrara.”*

**Luca Abatello, President & CEO of Circle Group**, commented: *“Our participation in A Bridge to Africa reaffirms our commitment to developing digital and interoperable logistics corridors. The IFSTL project represents a concrete step towards an increasingly connected supply chain, where data sharing and the adoption of innovative technologies enable greater efficiency, safety and sustainability”*.

**Michele Giromini, CEO of Dario Perioli Group**, added: *“Dario Perioli Group brings to this project a legacy built up over decades: in-depth knowledge of North African markets, a network of relationships rooted in both origin and destination, and the ability to offer integrated solutions that support our clients throughout every segment of the logistics chain — from direct routes to Tunisia and Algeria, to customs, shipping agency, terminal, brokerage, transport and warehousing services. We consider ourselves specialists in developing trade between Italy and North Africa for a wide range of goods, both containerised and bulk, covering both imports and exports. Our solutions are built on continuity, flexibility and resilience, with a constant focus on economic competitiveness. Marina di Carrara is an important physical hub, but our ambition is to expand into ever-wider corridors, towards new*



*geographical areas and new opportunities. The IFSTL project provides us with an ideal framework in which to combine digital innovation and operational expertise, for the benefit of Italian shippers and freight forwarders who wish to capitalise on the potential of these rapidly expanding and increasingly strategic markets.”*

The IFSTL project forms part of a broader initiative to develop innovative and sustainable logistics corridors between Europe and Africa, helping to foster the growth of trade and greater economic integration in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

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*The Group includes the software houses **Info.era, NEXT Freight, eXyond, Cargo Start**, the consulting firms **Magellan Circle and Magellan Circle Italy, NEXT Customs**, as well as the affiliated company **ACCUDIRE**.*

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*With **Cargo Start**, specialized in technological solutions for air cargo, Circle has strengthened its offering in a strategic segment of the **Connect 4 Agile Growth** industrial plan. With **eXyond**, the Group operates in advanced **infomobility** services (InfoBluNewGen) and telematics solutions for the logistics, transport, and insurance sectors (Kmaster).*

*Circle also holds a 22% stake in the innovative startup **ACCUDIRE**, which offers a collaborative platform for document management along global supply chains, starting from **e-CMR and e-DDT** (electronic consignment note). With **NEXT Customs**, the Group develops digital services for customs optimization, contributing to the harmonization of processes in line with the strategic directions of **Connect 4 Agile Growth**.*

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